

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 2. Please withdraw claims 3, 13, 15, and 19. Please amend claims 1, 5, and 20 as follows (the changes in these claims are shown with ~~strikethrough~~ for deleted matter and underlines for added matter). A complete listing of the claims with proper claim identifiers is set forth below.

1. (Currently amended) A stent tissue graft prosthesis comprising:
 - a first expandable stent having a first distal stent end and a first proximal stent end, a tubular wall and a passage extending longitudinally therethrough, a tissue graft having a distal tissue graft end and a proximal tissue graft end and disposed on said first stent, and
 - a tubular member having a wall and a passage extending longitudinally therethrough, said tubular member being disposed over said tissue graft and around said first stent and retaining said tissue graft disposed on said first stent, wherein the first distal stent end is at least coincident with the distal tissue graft end and the first proximal stent end is at least coincident with the proximal tissue graft end to prevent the tissue graft from evertting or folding into the passage of the first expandable stent.
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Withdrawn) The prosthesis of claim 1, wherein said tissue graft includes at least one seamless tube of tissue.
4. (Original) The prosthesis of claim 1, wherein said tissue graft includes a multilayered tissue construct.
5. (Currently amended) The prosthesis of claim 4, wherein said multilayered tissue construct includes a sheet of tissue.

6. (Original) The prosthesis of claim 1, wherein said tissue graft includes an extracellular matrix material.
7. (Original) The prosthesis of claim 6, wherein said tissue graft includes small intestine submucosa.
8. (Original) The prosthesis of claim 4, wherein said multilayered tissue construct includes a plurality of laminated tissue layers ranging from two to six layers.
9. (Original) The prosthesis of claim 1, wherein said first expandable stent is a self-expanding, a balloon expandable stent or a combination self-expanding and balloon expandable stent.
10. (Original) The prosthesis of claim 1, wherein said first expandable stent has a plurality of circumferential segments and a plurality of tie bars longitudinally interconnecting said plurality of circumferential segments.
11. (Original) The prosthesis of claim 1, wherein said tubular member comprises a second expandable stent that is self-expanding, balloon expandable or a combination of both.
12. (Original) The prosthesis of claim 11, wherein each of said first and said second stents has an inside diameter and an outside diameter and wherein said first stent in a relaxed condition has an outside diameter less than an inside diameter of said second stent in a relaxed condition.
13. (Withdrawn) The prosthesis of claim 1, wherein said tubular member comprises a perforated polymer material.
14. (Original) The prosthesis of claim 1, wherein said tubular member is disposed completely over said tissue graft.

15. (Withdrawn) The prosthesis of claim 1, wherein at least one end of said first stent extends beyond at least one end of said tissue graft.

16. (Original) The prosthesis of claim 10, wherein selected of said circumferential segments includes a serpentine or zigzag pattern of straight struts interconnected by a plurality of bends.

17. (Original) The prosthesis of claim 11, wherein said first stent in a relaxed condition has an outside diameter greater than an inside diameter of said second stent in a relaxed condition.

18. (Original) The prosthesis of claim 11, wherein said first and said second stents in a relaxed condition have equivalent inside and outside diameters.

19. (Withdrawn) The prosthesis of claim 4, wherein said multilayered tissue construct includes a plurality of seamless tubes of juvenile porcine small intestine submucosa tissue and at least one sheet of mature porcine small intestine submucosa tissue.

20. (Currently amended) A stent tissue graft prosthesis comprising:

a first expandable stent having a first distal stent end and a first proximal stent end, a tubular wall and a passage extending longitudinally therethrough, a multilayered tissue graft construct having a distal construct end and a proximal construct end, a tubular wall and a passage extending longitudinally therethrough and disposed on said first stent, and

a second expandable stent having a tubular wall and a passage extending longitudinally therethrough, said second stent being disposed over and around said construct and said first stent, and retaining said construct disposed on said first stent,

wherein the first distal stent end is at least coincident with the distal construct end and the first proximal stent end is at least coincident with the proximal

construct end to prevent the multilayered tissue graft from everting or folding into
the passage of the first expandable stent.

CLAIM STATUS

Claim 2 was cancelled. Claims 3, 13, 15 and 19 are withdrawn. Claims 1, 5 and 20 are amended. Amendment to claim 5 relates to form and/or grammar only for the purpose of increasing the clarity of the claim. Support for amendments to claims 1 and 20 may be found throughout the specification, including, e.g., specification at page 4, last line, and continuing at page 5, lines 1-9; and Figures 1 and 2, and original claim 2.

No new matter has been added. Claims 1, 4-12, 14, and 16-20 are pending.